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# The Panther

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## Night at the Museum (during the day)

Since its inception, the idea of going to a museum brings about fear in many people, however, with the Royal Armouries museum in Leeds instead of staring aimlessly at the leaves a brachiosaur had for breakfast, you get to stare aimlessly at ancient weapons!

The museum itself had many floors, with many rooms, with many weapons, and even one floor where we were greeted by a giant tiger fighting an elephant (not a "real" tiger fighting a "real" elephant mind you, though we did get to watch two real men in fancy dress poke each other with swords)



However, as we ascended the stairways, tore through the troposphere in the lifts and traversed the never-ending floors we came across a discovery so colossal that it would make Godzilla tremble in his boots (or claws, or whatever).

The museum had Gandalf's sword

After discovering this undiscovered discovery, we discovered that it was not just the sword of Gandalf which was present there. Many swords from the popular Lord of the Rings movies were there, allowing us to

spend far too much time looking at fictional weaponry instead of the real-life weaponry which would be far more important for a cadet to know about.

We eventually pried ourselves away from the Lord of the Rings and ventured around to the other displays the museum had to offer ranging from ancient longswords to modern katanas and a plethora of different firearms including the WW2 Bren gun, which the museum was also running a "hyper accurate" simulation for.

To conclude our day, we entered the most complex and fascinating part of the museum. The gift shop. This room pushed us to infinity (and beyond) as we tried to find a definitive answer to many perplexing mysteries like, "why does a tiny wooden sword cost £35 to buy?!"

*Cpl Dooley*

## Bronze DofE Exped

We set out on Friday morning full of energy and ready to head off on our journey into the wild world of Northwich. Beginning our "adventure" at Anderton boat lift gave us hope for the day ahead as we knew the surrounding area, little did we know knowledge is not power in these situations.



We knew it was forecast rain and storms and were ready to battle through but the day started out nice and calm with a walk down the canal and what we thought would be an easy connection onto the River Weaver.

The next hour and a half was spent following the river and was fairly relaxed until we reached a field of sheep. It's at this point you should know I have a fear of animals. Well the other three found it quite hilarious how scared I was of a few sheep, but they just stare at you and it's freaky! We were later joined by a duck who I was convinced was going to eat me or my food (turns out ducks only do the latter one.) Cdt Campbell-Briggs dropped a piece of chilli heat wave Dorito and the duck ate it, after doing so he ran to the water and started drinking, serves him right for being where he wasn't wanted! Cdt Lever and Cdt Campbell-Briggs then decided to have a competition to see who could hold onto a stick for the longest, (It lasted all of about 10 seconds). It had been slightly spitting for a while now but the rain was getting heavier and putting a dampener on all our moods...literally.

We were coming down to the last stretch as we arrived under the safe shelter of the bridge under the railway. Forest Camp was in our sights and we were ready to set up camp and get out of the now torrential rain, which the endless black clouds ahead confirmed was here to stay. The length of the day and the weather had clearly clouded our judgement as we took a wrong turn putting us on the road in the

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### Promotions:

Cdt Holmes to Cpl  
Cdt Westray to Cpl  
Cdt Liaukus to Cpl  
Sgt Worley to Flt Sgt

### Sports:

**Corps Netball** - Cpl Westray  
**Corps Hockey** - Carlin  
**Inter Region Cross Country** - Krzyzanowska, Dooley  
**Inter Region Junior Rugby** - Ravenscroft  
**Inter Region Senior Hockey** - CWO Mackintosh, Cpl Westray, Robinson, Carlin  
**Inter Wing Senior Hockey** - CWO Mackintosh, Cpl Westray, Robinson, Carlin  
**Inter Wing Junior Netball** - Sutton  
**Inter Wing Cross Country** - Carlin, Krzyzanowska, Dooley  
**Inter Wing Junior Rugby** - Ferguson, Ravenscroft  
**Inter Wing Athletics** - Cpl Westray, Heald, Dooley, Tomlinson.S, Tomlinson.G, Dutton.S, Howman, Campbell-Briggs  
**Inter Sqn Athletics Competition** - 1st Place

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wrong direction but we finally made it back to forest camp.

This was only the first day of adventure and animal filled torture which we would have to plough through but in the end it was a truly fantastic experience



Cadets cooking their evening meal

**Cdt Dooley**

## Cadet Methods Of Instruction - Day 1

CMOI. Cadet Methods of Instruction. An intensely academic day (so hooray for me - no running about and feeling judged about physical ineptitude) jam-packed with lesson structures, varying methods of teaching for Cadets with different learning needs, how to actually teach a lesson, using time and resources effectively (think of it like "Sid Meier's Civilisation VII: Call to Lessons"), lesson delivery and many more *interesting* things that are so interesting that, as much as it *pains* me to do so, I will omit from this article.

Sgt Jessop and I both attended this course in January, along with many other individuals from around Merseyside Wing and began the day with a quiz. Oooh, how fun! Using these results, we were able to determine the best form of information digestion. Some find it easier to learn through sounds; others words; others doing. This helped us all truly appreciate the difficulties some cadets encounter when a teacher uses only one form of lesson delivery.

For a course all about making lessons interesting, there was an ironically long list of PowerPoint presentations to be understood... but the information was nice,

concise and well-delivered by all staff, to such an extent that I actually rather enjoyed making notes (whom am I kidding - it's me - I always like making notes!).

The day ended with us all putting what we learned from the day to the test, by giving a 5-minute lesson to everyone in the room. Unfortunately, I had to drop a Rick and Morty clip I was going to use in a lesson about conquering fear when I discovered I was running out of time, but it really helped me to keep calm and composed when under stress like that. Actually, I was just disappointed, because it is a *really* funny Rick and Morty clip...

But after that day, when you thought it was *all over*...

**Cdt Moore**

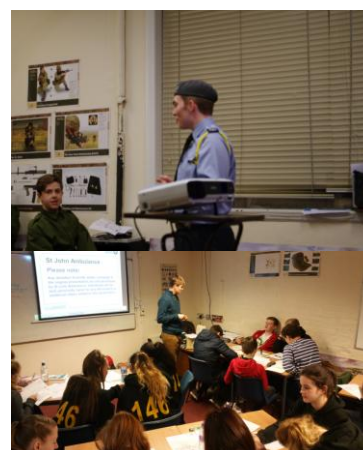
## Cadet Methods Of Instruction - Day 2

We were then told that we would have to then create a new lesson based loosely on an Air Cadet topic and it had to last for 15 minutes. Cdt Moore - being the possessor of all knowledge absolutely no-one needs to know - smashed his out in three days!!! Mine took a further 10 days or so. Cdt Moore's lesson was about some simple Rocket Propulsion Theory. This lesson was aimed at Senior Cadets, as it was quite complicated, requiring lots of concentration.

I on the other hand went for a more... what do you call it? Oh, that's right. Fun. A more fun topic of choice concerning Aircraft Handling. (All I really wanted to do was have an absolute belter of a lesson that included loads of laughter and interactivity that still taught a useful lesson and showed I could do it effectively in front of the assessor. And also, so that I could play Simon Says with Aircraft Handling signs). So after many sleepless nights, endless laptop charging sessions and, in

Cdt Moore's case, loss of even more sanity, the presentations had come to an end. *What a shame*. Victorious, Cdt Moore and I excitedly ran around with our new lanyards.

**Sgt Jessop**



Sgt Jessop and Cdt Moore putting their new skills into practice in the classroom

## Sharp Shooters

The Squadron has recently taken delivery of a full set of archery equipment, enabling qualified Squadron staff to run sessions for the cadets, both indoors and outdoors!



Cdts James and Dean at one of the practice sessions

This came just in time for this year's Inter-Sqn archery competition, allowing the cadets to practice before pitting their skill against others in the Wing.

Later this year, archery will now also be on the programme for the Squadron's annual adventure training week at Fairbourne  
**Fg Off Moores**



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